

THEODORE VAIL RECOMMENDS POOLING OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH AND CABLE SYSTEMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Pooling of the telephone and telegraph facilities of the country on one hand and the marine cable lines on the other, each with a comprehensive operating organization under a single executive head, is recommended by Postmaster General Burleson by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company.

In his letter, made public today, Mr. Vail said the pooling arrangement would be brought about without dismemberment of the properties and in such a manner that they could be turned back to private owners at the expiration of the period of government control.

"What should be done to create an ideal system," said Mr. Vail, "cannot be done because of existing laws, nor would complete consolidation be justified since to undo such a consolidated system into its former units would lead to unwarranted waste."

"There are, however, many things which can be done which would not produce waste, and which might, by improvement of service, help to further educate the public and create an actively favorable attitude towards some co-relation or co-ordination of operation and service with the control and regulation and restriction, through some combination of governmental authority and private ownership or operation, retaining all the advantages and incentives of both."

Mr. Vail, who is acting as confidential adviser to Postmaster General Burleson in the control of the wire communications systems taken over by the government, discussed the land and marine wire organizations separately. If the United States, he said, is to become a commercial and industrial world center an American cable system consonant with the obligations and opportunities of the country must be organized.

"There must be a United States system which will place this country directly in communication with every country with which we have, or hope to have important commercial relations," declared Mr. Vail. "As it now is we are on one side of the world system. We must be made one of the centers of the world system if we expect to compete on even terms with the world or be properly considered by the countries we wish to reach."

"The immediate and pressing necessity is for the east coast-South American cable to give this country and the river Platte countries direct cable communication."

"Of what use in commerce will be our investment of billions in ships to carry commerce if we do not give them the business agent of all commerce direct communication with their home ports and home business houses?" Congress has authorized combination in foreign commercial enterprises. If the advantages and necessities were properly presented it should be possible to obtain promptly such authorization or legislation as would give, under the agencies of the government, authority for combination, and operation of all electric inter-communication systems, in direct connection and co-ordination with the national wire system, between this country and all foreign countries.

"There is one thing that calls for immediate action. The cable situation is and has been grave. Congestion is now the rule and accumulation of business is at times serious and when the

activities of the peace conference are really commenced in Europe, it will be greatly increased.

"By one traffic head controlling cable operation and a few slight changes in the physical property which could centralize the cable terminals, as it were, the efficiency can be somewhat increased."

"If it were lawful or if it could be brought about by consent of the proprietors it would be a great feature for the commercial and political interest of the United States and of great advantage to every country reached by direct communication if the cable systems could be consolidated into one system and the cable systems re-arranged and extended more or less."

"Such a combination would at once bring about an important saving in cost of operation."

"A broader, cheaper and more abundant service will be a most effectual adjunct to our own commercial agents in securing business for the United States industries. There is already an active movement being inaugurated particularly in South America by German commercial agents to recover their pre-war conditions, and which must be promptly met if the United States is to get any advantage from the present situation."

"For the unification of the land wires, Mr. Vail suggested creation of three operating divisions, each embracing the distinctive operation of 'telephone service' and 'telegraph service' and 'the maintenance and manipulation of wires of systems' as distinct from traffic operations. Below those divisions the organization could be amplified and arranged to meet the necessities, he said, and the whole should operate under one executive head."

AUSTRALIA IS TO DIVIDE WEALTH

Working People Have Comforts of Life Out of Industries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—"Australia will solve its industrial problems by the adoption of a new social code that a minimum worthy citizen is entitled to a minimum standard of comfort bearing some relation to the total wealth production of the community, but above that minimum full play will be given to individual enterprise, initiative and intelligence."

This is the conclusion of the Hon. George Beeby, member of the Australian coalition government, and writer and lecturer on economic problems who recently began here a four months inquiry into plans for reconstruction in the United States.

Australia, he said, has no fear of revolutionary disorders. The dangerous element being a small minority although very active. The problem of maintaining comfortable standards of living without paternalism, is being met, he said, with a great educational movement to seeking to create mutual

lines of respect by which enterprise may be conducted.

Mr. Beeby noted that the railroads and other great utilities have since the beginning been government owned in Australia, but predicted that the extension of government operation to ordinary industry as the result of the war would not remain permanent.

"The only state in Australia which is at present under a labor government recently attempted to reduce the cost of meat to consumers by starting government ranches and butcher shops," he said. "For some time the supposed benefits of this scheme were lauded as a triumph of state socialism but when the proposition was analyzed after two years' operation it was perfectly clear that the reduction on price was negligible and that the enterprise was run on unsound business lines which might, particularly during a dry spell, involve the whole state in a heavy loss."

"The idea of state control of food supplies is rapidly giving way to agitation of voluntary co-operation among primary producers. The producer now seeks to eliminate intermediate profits and is trying to get nearer the consumer, looking to co-operation as against state assistance as his media."

The same applies to manufacturing industries, Mr. Beeby said.

"Efforts are being made," he continued, "to provide definite and permanent lines of communication between the employer and the workman. Schemes for the creation of industrial councils, shop committees and boards of conciliation, mutual proposals for better shop conditions and creating a healthier social life are receiving unusual prominence."

"Out of it all I believe Australia will develop on lines of individual effort rather than that of state socialism, but this will be achieved by definite co-operation between employers and their workmen."

WINTER ATTENTION TO YOUR TIRES

"With cold, disagreeable weather arriving in Utah, attention should be given by every automobile owner to the condition of his auto tires," said K. E. Smith, manager of the Utah Tire Repair company, yesterday.

"Tires must be in good condition to stand the rigors of winter, even though they are not used. For that reason, the suggestion is important that motor car owners have their casings repaired and inner tubes put in proper shape."

"If the automobiles are used—and most people use their automobiles in winter as well as during other months—there is added reason for this care. Moisture gets into the tires through all tears, breaks and other abrasions. This moisture will quickly ruin a mighty good tire. Of course that can be avoided and is the one answer to this. The result of such attention by all automobile owners would be a tremendous conservation. It amounts to a large sum for each individual."

Many automobile owners of Ogden are now giving special attention to their tires, as a result of previous experience, and the result can be plainly seen at the Utah Tire Repair company plant on Washington avenue, where the forces of expert tire men are kept busy constantly in handling the rush of work. However, arrangements have been made so this pre-winter rush can be quickly taken care of, assuring the very best of results for the auto owners.

EZRA MEEKER IS A LOYAL AMERICAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 8.—Could Ezra Meeker, the pioneer who has driven his ox-team back to the national capitol over the old Oregon trail, have slipped some of his 87 years from his stooped shoulders, he would have been a private at least in the great American army. This being impossible, however, he harked back to the days when men lived by the toll of their hands, and raised a war garden on an acre and a third of ground east of Lake Washington.

Just the other day the veteran walked into the Red Cross rooms and laid down \$257.80, representing the sum he had realized from his toil.

"It was a duty, and therefore a pleasure," he said simply. "And I do not think anyone should take credit for doing what he considers a duty."

"Private" Meeker disdained the modern tractor, and even the horse for cultivating his ground. He waged war on the weeds with a hoe. Eight tons of fertilizer donated by a packing firm enriched the ground. A citizen paid for the cost of bringing water to the land for irrigation. Two Red Cross women marked the produce. At one end of the garden, appeared this sign:

"This garden is dedicated to the Defenders of Liberty."

It was "Private" Meeker's answer to the Hun.

SOLDIERS TO FARM
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 8.—Statistics obtained by Canadian officials from 230,000 members of the Canadian forces overseas, show that more than 105,000 soldiers or 43.9 per cent, desire to go on the land after their return.

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turn to Canada. Special plans are being made by the Dominion government, and by the various provinces in some cases, to gratify this wish of the men who represented the Maple Leaf so brilliantly on the battlefields.

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONES

A standard nation-wide schedule of charges for the installation of telephones has been inaugurated by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company, says F. W. Carroll, district manager.

For individual and party line service, \$3.50; for each extension station connected with any class of telephone service \$3.50; for private branch exchange service the charge for establishing service connection, (a) for each trunk line connecting the private branch exchange with a central office, \$3.50; (b) for each telephone connected to the private branch exchange, except operators' telephone sets, \$3.50; to cover directory account, circuit and switchboard expenses in cases where service is established by use of instrumentalities already in place in the subscriber's premises, and no change is made in the type or location of such instrumentalities, \$1.50.

The new charges, as a whole, Manager Carroll said, form a substantial cut in the initial expense of having a telephone put in. Instead of the first charge of \$5, \$10 or \$15, depending upon type of service, he said that for all classes of business it would hereafter be \$3.50. Where the instrumentalities are already in place, as when a person moves into another house, the former charge of \$3 for putting the phone into service under a new name has been cut to \$1.50.

IDAHO SERGEANT DEAD ON COAST

SALT LAKE, Dec. 9.—At North Island, Rockwell field, California, Sergeant John J. Robertson, 23 years of age, son of P. G. Robertson of Darlington, Idaho, died December 4. The body has been brought to Salt Lake and military funeral services will be held at the Fort Douglas cemetery today at 1 p. m., interment following in the post cemetery.

Sergeant Robertson had been in the service but a short time. He was made a corporal in the latter part of July and was promoted to a sergeant two months later. He served every day from his arrival at the Presidio until he went to the hospital December 1.

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SOLDIERS' FOOD "UNIVERSALLY SATISFACTORY"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The food served to the American soldier in camp and in the field, has been "universally satisfactory," Brigadier General Wood, acting inspector general of the army, said in his annual report today. General Wood said one inspector reported not a single complaint regarding food had come to him during one trip which included visits to camps of 300,000 soldiers.

It is admitted that complaints have been recorded regarding some of the clothing equipment but the report says "these defects were unavoidable in many cases and were remedied as far as practicable."

SLED IS EQUIPPED WITH FAST MOTOR

CORDOVA, Alaska, Nov. 15. (By Mail)—Winter sports in Alaska do not always consist of mushes over the snow trail behind a team of huskies or malamutes. E. E. Griffin, an electrician employed by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, has started a new sport. Equipping a motor sled with an airplane engine and propeller, Griffin made fourteen miles in 28 minutes over the open country.

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TWO AVIATORS KILLED BY FALL AT SAN DIEGO

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—Lieutenant Herbert N. Chaffee of Pasadena, Cal., and Lieutenant Charles J. Drake of Mankato, Kan., both pursuit pilots and instructors at Rockwell field, San Diego, were instantly killed here today when the airplane in which they were riding plunged 3000 feet to the earth in a backyard in the southern residential section of the city.

According to military authorities the two officers with Lieutenant Chaffee as pilot were returning to Rockwell field after a special tour on detail when the accident happened. Inspection of the wrecked machine by army aviators failed to reveal the cause of the accident.

Observers of the accident declared that the men apparently were attempting to loop the loop when they plunged to the ground.

GERMANS TURN OVER PLANES TO THE ALLIES

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(British Wire Service)—The surrender of the 2,000 German airplanes required under the terms of the armistice has been proceeding during the past week and it is expected the full complement of enemy machines will shortly be in the allied hands.

The taking over, examining and parking of so vast a fleet of machines has necessarily taken time, as the German armies in their retreat are leaving the planes behind in their evacuated airbases. Certain difficulties and attempted evasions connected with the precise proportion of the various types of aircraft to be turned over and the airworthiness of some of the machines surrendered are not being adjusted in response to firm representations by Marshal Foch on behalf of the allies.

Some light is thrown upon what this gigantic surrender of aircraft means to

the Germans by the official British figures of air fighting upon the British western front from January 1, 1918, to the date of the armistice. These figures show the number of enemy machines destroyed in aerial combats by the British to have been 3,060, while enemy machines driven down out of control numbered 1,174.

Germany is known to have lost well over 6,000 air planes destroyed and surrendered during the present year. On the other hand, the resources of the allies are being reinforced by 2,000 German machines of modern type and in good serviceable condition.

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